

POLAROID ZIP

1974-1977



Serial Nr. KA3221A

Characteristics and functions

The Polaroid brand is linked to a revolutionary chemical process experimented in 1929 by Dr. Edwin Land who used a support that already contained within it the chemical reagents necessary for the development of the image. In 1947 the first Polaroid camera was born, through which photographs could be obtained in a few seconds after the shot. Due to its ease of use, the Polaroid system was a huge success, even if the print quality never reached the level of traditional photo printing. The Polaroid Zip, presented in 1974, remains in production until 1977.

This camera has the same characteristics as the Swinger, but has a more square shaped body that allows it to use the 87 Pack-film type (B&W 3000 asa) already used by the Polaroid Colorpack 80 series.

The camera is Focus Free type. The Polaroid 3.94in f/17 lens is therefore always in focus for all distances between 23.62 inch and the infinite.

The Polaroid Zip has an exposure meter coupled to a light sensor: by pressing the red part of the shutter button, while rotating it, you see the word "YES" appear in the

window below that of the viewfinder; at that point you can fully press the button to perform the shot. When using the built-in flash that allows the use of AG1 light bulbs, the correct exposure must be sought using the distance scale, setting the value of the shooting distance between 23.62 inch and 19.69 feet to estimate. The mechanical shutter works with a fixed time of 1/200 second.

Power is supplied by 2 x 1.5v AA batteries.

Weight 16.40oz. with wrist strap, without batteries, without film.

Length 6.06in. Height 5.79in. Depth 4.92in.

Technical Specifications

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| Film type: | 87 Black & White film only (3000 ASA) |
| Shutter: | Mechanical (1/200") |
| Meter: | Exposure setting assisted via built-in photometer |
| Diaphragm: | - |
| Times : | Fixed 1/200" |
| Lens: | 100mm f/17 (Meniscus, single plastic element) |
| Flash: | Built in flashgun for AG-1 bulbs |
| Focusing: | Fixed focus. From 23.62in. to Infinity |
| Characteristics: | Brown color rigid plastic body with corrugated surface |
| Accessories: | Rubber wrist strap. Rubber eyecup |

